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MEMORANDUM FOR: Theodore Kronmiller
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and
International Environmental and Scientific
Affairs, Department of State

SUBJECT: Law of the Sea (LOS) Assessment [redacted]

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1. The attached paper is our response to your request of 28 September for a CIA assessment--exclusively for Ambassador Malone--of whether our Allies could be induced to follow the US, should it decide to withdraw from the LOS treaty process. [redacted]

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2. As we suggest in the paper, we believe the manner in which the US orchestrates a withdrawal decision would be far more important as a determinant of Allied reactions than the decision itself. The benefits of an appropriate style were dramatically demonstrated at Cancun last week, when the President deftly redefined an unacceptable "Global Negotiations" demand while in fact rejecting it--much to the relief and approbation of our industrial allies. [redacted]

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3. We hope the paper will be of help in your ongoing policy deliberation. Questions may be directed to me on [redacted] or to Hans Heymann, National Intelligence Officer-at-Large, on [redacted]

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CIA Representative to the Interagency
Group on the Law of the Sea

Attachment:

How Would the Allies React to a US Withdrawal from
the LOS Treaty Process?, GIM 81-10033, 29 October 1981
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